

# U.S. Department of Energy

OAK RIDGE OFFICE

## ANNOUNCEMENT

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### SUBJECT: INFLUENZA VACCINE

We have received notification from our medical supplier that Chiron Vaccines, the company that manufactures our influenza vaccine, is vigorously attempting to manufacture and gain approval for its Fluvirin® Influenza Virus Vaccine for this flu season. To date, our medical supplier has not yet received the vaccine for shipment to the Oak Ridge Office. We understand that shipments are expected to be delivered to suppliers throughout the month of November so that those who want vaccinations can receive them before the usual peak of the flu season.

According to the Centers for Disease Control the flu season usually starts in December, peaks in January or February, and continues through March. We hope to receive our vaccine by late November or early December; however, we have been advised to encourage employees who are considered "high risk" to seek the flu vaccine from their health care provider or local flu clinics.

The Knoxville Rotary Clubs are sponsoring a "Free Flu Shot Saturday" this Saturday, November 12, 2005. Free flu shots for anyone age 4 and older will be given from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the following five local schools:

Austin East Magnet High School  
2800 Martin L. King, Jr. Avenue  
Knoxville, TN

Farragut High School  
11237 Kingston Pike  
Knoxville, TN

Halls High School  
4321 E. Emory Road  
Knoxville, TN

South Doyle Middle School  
3900 Decatur Road  
Knoxville, TN

West High School  
3326 Sutherland Avenue  
Knoxville, TN

If you choose to make a donation for your flu shot at one of these schools, the donation will support the Knoxville News Sentinel Empty Stocking Fund.

  
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